



# WORKSHOP SERIES OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

Congress appropriated **\$500M for the State Energy Program (SEP)** through Section 40109 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is allocating this funding to the

states, as outlined in BIL, in FY22-26; however, the funding is available until expended. DOE has made **\$425M available to the states as of August 26, 2022**, using the FY21 SEP formula as directed by legislation.

**DOE will use the remaining \$75 million over 5+ years for the benefit of all the states and SEP as follows:**

**\$45M for program direction, oversight, and management**, which includes federal staffing to implement the financial assistance program over 5+ years.

**\$30M for use in collaboration with states to design and deliver high-impact technical assistance (TA)** over 5+ years.

## For more than a decade,

DOE has designed and implemented **high-impact TA initiatives** in collaboration with states, local governments, and communities.

These initiatives deliver significant value to not only our public sector partners and stakeholders, but to the broader public.

Our initiatives create tools and resources that benefit all states and communities across the country.

DOE has invited all **State Energy Offices (SEOs)** to participate in a series of stakeholder engagement workshops designed to build off of ongoing conversations and to inform and advise on the development of the **SEP BIL TA program**.

**SEO feedback will serve as the critical foundation for a SEP BIL TA strategy and implementation plan.**

Specific workshop objective(s) include:

**01**

Description of desired TA activities and format

**03**

Suggested TA providers, subject matter experts, partners/organizers

**02**

Understanding of desired TA outputs (deliverables)

**04**

Future DOE/SEO engagement strategies

## DOE plans to host four days of facilitated workshops,

broken out topically and by National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) region. Each state will receive two meeting invitations for each of the four days of workshops. The first meeting invitation will be for a 45-minute invitation-only regional breakout. The 45-minute workshop

will begin with a 5-minute informational presentation from DOE, followed by 40 minutes of facilitated discussion. The second meeting invitation will be for an all-state 30-minute debrief and general discussion later that day.

The general discussion categories and associated topics for each workshop are in alignment with a **May 2023 DOE presentation to NASEO and SEOs**. The list of topics for each workshop, as outlined in the agenda, is not comprehensive and **not intended to be prescriptive, merely a starting point for discussion** (which will continue beyond the workshops and throughout BIL implementation).

**DOE will incorporate workshop recommendations and ongoing discussions with states into a SEP BIL TA implementation plan.**

**The SEP BIL TA implementation plan** will include descriptions of activities and outputs, as well as suggested vehicles to achieve these goals. This draft implementation plan will be shared with states for review and feedback. Upon incorporation of feedback, DOE will move forward with steps to execute the jointly developed **SEP BIL TA implementation plan**.

**DOE is eager to amplify ongoing conversations and reengage with SEOs to understand what defines high-impact TA initiatives, given unprecedented investment through BIL. Our goal is to collaboratively create a TA program that can execute this vision.**

**We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing from you during our workshops.**

Your input is invaluable. Starting in September, we will be hosting office hours to gather additional TA feedback. If you would like to provide written feedback via email, please reach out to your SEP Project Officer and/or email us directly at:

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